

Present: Alderpersons John Ellington, Heather Kierzek & Kathleen Thurow
Absent: None
Also Present: Mayor, Mike Palm; Finance Director, Cynthia Haggard; Police Chief, Mark Schauf; City Clerk, Brenda Zeman; and City Attorney, Emily Truman.
Citizen Present: None

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Ellington at 8:00AM CST., with roll call and noting compliance with the Open Meetings Law.

Motion by Thurow to approve the minutes of August 3, 2020, seconded by Kierzek and unanimously carried.

Motion by Thurow to approve the agenda, seconded by Kierzek and unanimously carried.

Consider application for keeping chickens – Mariah Phillips

Zeman mentioned this application was brought to the Committee at the last meeting. It was held over until the owner gave permission, since the applicant was a tenant. An approval from the owner was part of today's packet. Thurow pointed out that the approval given did not match the name on the application.

Motion to postpone the application until the October meeting and have staff obtain documentation from the owner by Thurow, seconded by Kierzek and unanimously carried.

Consider application for keeping chickens – Andrew Lombard

Thurow mentioned that the application was incomplete.

Motion to postpone the application until the October meeting and have staff obtain a complete application from the applicant by Kierzek, seconded by Thurow and unanimously carried.

Consider Liquor License Change of Agent for Casey's General Store to Anthony Hawks

Motion to approve and move on to Council the liquor license change of agent for Casey's General Store to Anthony hawks by Kierzek, seconded by Thurow and unanimously carried.

Discussion Item: Citizen's request to add domestic ducks and/or quail to permitted fowl in Chapter 29.13

Chief Schauf began with stating that as part of enforcement of the Chicken Ordinance, his Community Service Officer was out and observed ducks in someone's yard. The Officer had a conversation with the resident and was told that the ducks are pets and used for duck eggs. The Officer informed the resident that the ducks were not allowed per Ordinance. Chief Schauf received the letter included in this packet. After the receipt of the letter, Chief Schauf received a call requesting quail be added to the Ordinance.

Chief Schauf asked the Committee if they would like to see additions to the animal code that allows for the keeping of any fowl that could create a food source (eggs).

Kierzek questioned the size of the coop for ducks and if the size would need to change. Thurow raised a concern about the water needed for ducks. Chief Schauf responded that it comes down to noise, smell and safety of the animals. Mayor Palm added a suggestion to contact other communities to see what Ordinances they have related to fowl.

Motion by Thurow to direct staff to check other communities to see if they have an Ordinance for chickens, ducks and quail, seconded by Kierzek and unanimously carried.

Discussion Item: Section 29.13(2)(d) of the Chicken Permit Ordinance

City Attorney Truman responded to questions raised at the last meeting to possibly amend the Ordinance. She asked for direction from the Commission about the coop sizes that would allow for some flexibility. Truman continued with provided an example: Let's say coop size starts out at six chickens, then five die. Does it make sense to have the resident downsize the coop?

Thurow suggested waiting until they found out about the ducks being added before recommending changes.

Motion to direct staff to investigate other communities to see what they are doing for the size of their coops by Kierzek, seconded by Thurow and unanimously carried.

Member comments

The next meeting will be Monday, October 5, 2020 at 8:00AM CST. Meeting location will be 101 South Boulevard.

Motion to adjourn by Thurow, seconded by Kierzek and unanimously carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:19AM CST.

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Haggard, Finance Director